

CLAIMS

1. A karabiner comprising a generally C-shaped body, with its free ends curved towards each other and forming a gap therebetween, and a gate on one end of the body for closing the gap, the gate having a locking barrel thereon for locking the gate to the other end of the body, the barrel having a greater thickness or strength on its face outward of the body.
2. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the barrel is slidable along the gate to a locking position, where the barrel overlaps the free end of the body with the gate in a closed position.
3. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the barrel is screw threadedly mounted on the gate for movement therealong for locking the gate.
4. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the barrel is a double locking or triple locking barrel.
5. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the barrel has additional thickness of material on the face or side of the barrel that will be outermost when it is in the position of locking the gate in a closed position.
6. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the barrel is made of carbon

steel.

7. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the barrel is made of aluminium or stainless steel.

8. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the barrel is sized and/or made from suitable material, such that it can withstand push in forces upto 25kN.

9. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1 having a substantially solid cylindrical gate.

10. A karabiner as claimed in claim 1 having a wire gate.